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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to an official action bearing a mailing date of 4 October 2004 in which the examiner issued a non-final action, allowing claims 2 through 4, 6, 12 as depending from claim 2, 12 as depending from claim 4 and 12 as depending from claim 6. The examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 9 through 11 and 12 as depending from claim 1, 12 as depending from claim 5 and 12 as depending from claims 9, 10 or 11. The

examiner objected to claims 7 and 8 and to claim 12 as depending from claims 7 and 12 as depending from claim 8, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to obviate the objections.

The examiner further noted that the drawings filed on 22 August 2001 were acceptable.

Applicants traverse the rejections of claims 1, 5, 9 through 11, claim 12 as depending from claim 1, claim 12 as depending from claim 5, claim 12 as depending from claim 5, claim 12 as depending from claim 9, claim 12 as depending from claim 10 and 12 as depending from 11 and request reconsideration of these claims and the rejection set forth in the official action.

Applicants have amended the claims, as set forth hereinbelow, and believe that when the claims are considered in their newly amended form, the examiner will find all claims pending in the application to be allowable. Notification of the same is respectfully solicited.